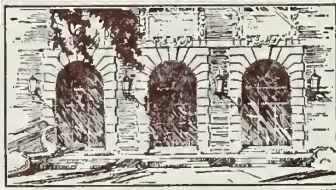


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"An act to grant a quantity of land to the State of Illinois for the purpose of aiding in opening a canal to connect the waters of the Illinois River with those of Lake Michigan"

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,"

Sec 1. "That there be, and hereby is, granted to the State of Illinois, for the purpose of aiding the said State in opening a canal to unite the waters of the Illinois river with those of Lake Michigan a quantity of land equal to one half of five sections in width, on each side of said Canal, and reserving each alternate section to the United States, to be selected by the Commissioner of the Land Office, under the direction of the President of the United States, from one end of said Canal to the other, and the said lands shall be subject to the disposal of the Legislature of said State, for the purpose aforesaid and no other. Provided that the said Canal when completed shall be and forever remain a public highway for the use of the Government of the United States, free from any toll, or other charge, whatever, for any property of the United States or person in their service passing through the same: Provided that said Canal shall be commenced within five years, and completed in twenty years or the State shall be bound to pay the United States the amount of any lands previously sold and that the title to purchase under the State shall be valid"

Sec 2. "And be it further enacted, That, so soon as the route of said Canal shall be located and agreed on by the said State, it shall be the duty of the Governor thereof or such other person or persons as may hereafter be, authorized to superintend the construction of said Canal, to examine and ascertain the particular sections to which the said State will be entitled, under the provisions of this act and report the same to the Secretary of the United States

Sec 3. "That the said State, under the authority of the Legislature thereof after the selection shall have been so made, shall have power to sell and convey the whole, or any part of the said land and to give a title in fee simple therefor, to whomsoever shall purchase the whole, or any part thereof"

Approved 2^d March 1827

DOCUMENT 1 – AN ACT GRANTING FEDERAL LAND FOR CANAL PURPOSES

March 2, 1827

TRANSCRIPTION

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Approved 2^d March 1827

Copy

Hastings March 28. 1871

Hon^{ble} George Graham
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir Your Letter of the 16th January last to his Excellency
Edwards in relation to the mode adopted by the Board of Commissioners
the Illinois and Michigan Canal, of selecting the lands to which the
State is Intitled under the Act of Congress of the 2nd March 1827,
has been by him referred to me. Not wishing by any Act of
the Board, to retard the Execution of a work so beneficial to our
State, I am induced to accede to the views you have taken
of the subject. I will be governed by them for the future.
A part of the selected lands are now offered for sale, on the 19th
of April next. And it is very desirable that the Patents of those
lands should be sent on soon, those to which the State is not Intitled in
your view of the subject - will not be offered for sale, it is very
desirable that should be no obstacles thrown in the way of
the approaching sales, it is therefore hoped you will without delay
forward the Patents, as it is the determination of the Commission
to proceed with the sales at the time advertised. it is hoped you will
as soon as convenient inform me of your determination, so that the purchase
of the Land may be relieved of all fears in relation to their title. I will
merely suggest to you, that you can, by an Examination of the
list of selected Lands and plat, Exclude from the Patent those
portion sections to which the State is not under your views.
In subject Intitled

Signed:

I have the Honor to be Sir
Yours obt. Servt
Edmund Roberts

President of the Board
of Canal Commissioners

DOCUMENT 2 – LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CANAL COMMISSIONERS TO
THE COMMISSIONER OF THE U. S. GENERAL LAND OFFICE
CONCERNING LAND PATENTS

March 28, 1830

TRANSCRIPTION

Copy

Kaskaskia March 28, 1830

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Commissioner of the General Land Office

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I have the Honor to be Sir
your ob^t. Sr

Signed: Edmund Roberts
President of the Board
of Canal Commissioners

NO. 9.

23 33 4

SPRINGFIELD,

20th APRIL, 1830.

252

WE certify that at a sale of Canal Lands, held in Springfield at the date above, pursuant to notice given, *Abraham Trumbo of Tazewell Co. Ill.* purchased the *W¹ E. quarter* of Section No. *23* Township No. *33 North* North, Range No. *4 East* East, containing *Eighty* Acres, at \$*1.25* per Acre (being the highest bid therefor) amounting to \$*100* which sum was paid into the Treasury of the Board of Commissioners.

Witness our hands the date above,

*Guthom Jayne**Chas. Drum*

Commissioners.

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23 34 21

NO. 11.

SPRINGFIELD,

20th APRIL, 1830.

WE certify that at a sale of Canal Lands, held in Springfield at the date above, pursuant to notice given, *John Green of Tazewell Co. Ills.* purchased the *S E. fractional quarter* of Section No. *29* Township No. *34 S* North, Range No. *4* East, containing *One hundred & sixty three* Acres, at \$*1.25* per Acre (being the highest bid therefor) amounting to \$*204⁵⁹/₁₀₀* which was paid into the Treasury of the Board of Commissioners.

Witness our hands the date above,

*Guthom Jayne**Chas. Drum*

Commissioners.

DOCUMENT 3 – CANAL LAND SALE CERTIFICATES, SPRINGFIELD

April 20, 1830

TRANSCRIPTION

NO. 9

23334

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Springfield,

20th April, 1830.

WE certify that at a sale of Canal Lands, held in Springfield at the date above, pursuant to notice given, Abraham Trumbo of Tazewell Co. Ills— _____

purchased the W½ S E quarter _____ of Section No. 23 _____

Township No. 33 North North, Range No. 4 East East, containing Eighty

— — — Acres, at \$1.25 per Acre (being the highest bid therefor)

amounting to \$100 — which sum was paid into the Treasury of the Board of Commissioners.

Witness our hands the date above,

Gershon Jayne

Chas Dunn

Commissioners.

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NO. 11

Springfield,

20th April, 1830.

WE certify that at a sale of Canal Lands, held in Springfield at the date above, pursuant to notice given, John Green of Tazewell Co llls _____

purchased the S E fractional quarter — of Section No. 29 —

Township No. 34 S — North, Range No. 4 — East, containing One hundred

& sixty three $\frac{59}{100}$ ————— Acres, at \$1.25 per Acre (being the highest bid therefor)

amounting to \$204 $\frac{48}{100}$ — which was paid into the Treasury of the Board of Commissioners.

Witness our hands the date above,

Gershon Jayne

Chas. Dunn

Commissioners,

Springfield April 22. 1830

Board of Canal Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal

To Gershom Fayre, one of the Board

1829

March - To attending the board, as Commissioner, at Belleville and Kaskaskia.
7 days. - Travelling to and from those places 10 days making
in all 17. days at \$3.00 per diem - 51.00

Expenses for the above days at \$1.00 per day - 17.00

Sept. 21st. To attending the board of Commissioners at Springfield
re-joining from there to meet the United States engineers
at Chicago, exploring the Canal route, locating line of the
same and selecting the alternate. 70. days, at \$3.00 per day 210.00
Expenses in travelling to Chicago for self and John Harper
one of the hands employed - 7.00

Expenses in travelling to Springfield for plat and returning
to Canal Route - 6.50

do. in returning from Canal line - 3.50

Cash paid Adams, one of the Steamers, for expense - 1.00

Cash paid John Harper one of the hands to bear his expense home - 2.00

do " to Simon Steel - 2.00

do " John Lee - 2.00

do " Harrison McGary - 1.44

do " Mr. Sprigg of St Louis for services - 10.00

do paid Capt. Foster for Whiskey - 45

do " J. B. Campbell for Sugar &c - 4.00

Carried over - \$ 318.19

1829.

Am't Bro't Forward - 318.19

Dec. 16. Meeting the Board of Commissioners at Kaskaskia
and attendance until the 23^d. 8. days at \$3. per diem - 24.00

Travelling to & returning from said meeting 10 days.
at \$3. per day - 30.00

Expenses for 18 days at \$1.00 per day - 18.00

1830. Apr. 19. Attending Board at Springfield for Public Sale - 12.00

24 days at \$3. per day - 72.00

Doll. 402.19

DOCUMENT 4 – COMMISSIONER GERSHOM JAYNE’S ACCOUNTS

April 22, 1830

TRANSCRIPTION

	Springfield April 22. 1830	
	Board of Canal Commissioners of the "Illinois & Michigan Canal	
	To Gershom Jayne, one of the Board D ^r	
1829		
March	To attending the board, as Commissioner, at Belleville and Kaskaskia	
	7 days. - Travelling to and from those places 10 days making	
	in all 17 days at \$3.00 per diem — — — — —	51.00
	Expenses for the above days @ \$1.00 per day — — —	17.00
Sept.21 st .	To attending the board of Commissioners at Springfield	
	repairing from thence to meet the United States engineers	
	at Chicago, exploring the Canal rout, locating line of the	
	same and selecting the alternate. 70 days, @ \$3.00 pr day	210.00
	Expenses in travelling to Chicago for self and John Harper	
	one of the hands employed— — — — —	7.00
	Expenses in travelling to Springfield for plats and returning	
	to Canal Route — — — — — — — — —	6.50
	do in returning from Canal line — — — — — — — — —	3.50
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	Cash paid John Harper one of the hands to bear his expense home-	2.00
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	do " " John Lee — — — — — — — — —	2.00
	do " " Harrison M ^c Gary — — — — — — — — —	1.44
	do " " M ^r Sprigg of St Louis for services — — — — —	10.00
	do paid Lieut. Foster for Whiskey — — — — — — — — —	75
	do " J. B. Campbell for Sugar &c — — — — — — — — —	4.00
	Carried over — — — — — — — — —	\$318.19

1829	Am't. Bro't. Forward — — — — — — — — —	318.19
Dec ^r . 16	Meeting the Board of Commissioners at Kaskaskia {	
	and attendance until the 23 ^d 8 days at \$3. per diem } — — —	24.00
	Travelling to & returning from Said meeting 10 days {	
	at \$3. per day — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	30.00
	Expenses for 18 days, at \$1.00 per day — — — — — — — — —	18.00
1830.Ap ^l .19.	Attending Board at Springfield for Public Sale. {	
	4 days at \$3. per day — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	12.00
		Dolls. 402.19

34429331 ~~the~~ Chicago Sept. 27th 1830

It is hereby certified that, in pursuance of Law Mark
Beaubien: — — — has this day purchased, at public sale, Lots
number three and four, in Block number thirty One in the Town of
Chicago, for one hundred & two dollars ~~and~~ ~~cent~~, for which he has
made payment in full
(Signed Duplicate)

Gershom Jayne
Chas. Drum } Commissioners

41 to 8 B 1 Chicago
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Board Canal Commissioners

Chicago Sept. 27. 1830.

It is hereby certified that in pursuance of Law. Alexander Wolcott.
has this day purchased at public sale, Lots number One, Two,
three, four, five, six, seven and eight, in block number One
on the plan of the Town of Chicago, for six hundred and eighty-
five Dollars, for which he has made payment in full -
(Signed Duplicate)

Edm. Roberts } Canal
Gershom Jayne } Commissioners
Chas. Drum

DOCUMENT 5 – CANAL LAND SALE CERTIFICATES, CHICAGO

September 27, 1830

Transcription

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Chicago Sept 27th 1830

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Cha^s Dunn } Commissioners

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Chicago Sept. 27. 1830

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(Signed Duplicate)

Edm^d. Roberts }
Gershom Jayne }
Cha^s Dunn } Canal
Commissioners

Abstract of Title

Lot 2 in Block 44 Original Town of Chicago.

1. { Lot 2 above named was purchased of the Canal
Commissioners Sept. 27th. 1830 by Lyon Bourassa
for \$41. Patent not found.

2. { Lyon Bourassa Warrantee Deed, dated July 11th. 1834.
to. Consid. \$5. Conveys Lot 2 in Block 44 in the
Joseph La Fromboise Town of Chicago.
Recorded July 2^d 1835. Book D. page 218.

3. { Fromboise Warrantee Deed, dated June 29th. 1837 Consid.
to. \$22000. Conveys same Lot.
Ashbel Steele Deed not acknowledged.
Recorded July 5th. 1837 Book E. page 261.

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Wm. H. Starr Byron King Exon. 146 issued Aug. 19th. 1837. levied on Lot 2 in
Wm. Jones & H. B. Clark Block 44 Origl. Town of Chicago. with buildings thereon.
Nov. 19th. 1837. and returned for vend. expenses.
Exon. 414 issued April 28th. 1838. Returned satisfied
by sale Jan'y. 2^d 1839. to Wm. H. Starr for \$986.

DOCUMENT 6 – AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE, LOT 2, BLOCK 44, ORIGINAL TOWN OF CHICAGO

September 27, 1830-January 2, 1839

TRANSCRIPTION

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Abstract of Title
to
Lot 2 in Block 44 Original Town of Chicago,

1.

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Patent not found.
- Lion Bourrissa

2. to

Joseph La Framboise

Warrantee Deed. dated July 11th. 1834.

Consid. \$5. Conveys Lot 2 in Block 44 in the Town of Chicago.

Recorded July 2^d 1835. Book D. page 218.
- Joseph La Fromboise

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Auditors Office (Vandalia)
29th January 1833

Sir

In Obedience to a Resolution of the House of Representatives Calling on the Auditor to report the number of Town lots and quantity of Canal Lands sold on the Canal route and the amount for which the same were sold, I have the honor to submit the following statement viz -

The number of lots which have been sold in the town of Chicago are 124 (and were sold for the sum of ————— \$4357.00)

The number of lots which have been sold in the town of Ottawa are 7 (and were sold for the sum of 162.00)

The quantity of Canal land which has been sold is 10.746700 acres (and was sold for the sum of ————— 14,405.83)

All of which is respectfully submitted

James W. Haff Auditor

To the Hon
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Ill.

DOCUMENT 7 – REPORT ON CANAL LANDS SOLD

January 29, 1833

TRANSCRIPTION

Auditors Office Vandalia

29th January 1833~

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The number of lots which have been sold in the town of Chicago are 124 and were sold for the sum of _____"_____ \$4357.00

The number of lots which have been sold in the town of Ottawa are 7. and were sold for the sum of 162.00

The quantity of Canal land which has been sold is $10.746 \frac{17}{100}$ acres and was sold for the sum of__ _ 14.405.83

All of which is respectfully submitted

James T.B. Stapp Auditor

To the Hon

Speaker of the House of

Representatives

III.

State of Illinois,
County of Putnam, ss. I, Hooper Warren, Clerk of the County Commission-
ers Court of said County, do hereby certify, that William Munson
and Rachel Hall, were, on the seventh day of March, 1833, lawfully
joined in marriage in said county, as appears to me of record in my office.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and
affixed the seal of said court, at Hannibal, this
13th day of May, 1834.

H. Warren.

Ottawa Illinois. May 11th 1834

His Excellency, The Governor of the State
of Illinois.

Sir. By an act of the Legislature
Rachel Hall One of the two young ladies ^{who} was
captured by the Indian Indians is entitled to a
donation of 80 acres of land to be selected out
of any of the same, &c. Which donation has
been made and thereby make application for
a don to 40 acres On the South half of the East
half of the South East quarter of Section No. 13
Township No. 33 N. Range No. 4 East of the
third principal Meridian. and 40 acres On the
West part of the North fractional half of Section
No. 19. Township No. 33 N. Range No. 5 East for
the benefit of William Munson and Rachel Munson
late Rachel Hall

William Munson
Rachel Munson

The Auditor and Secy. of State
will make out a Patent in
the above case

24 June 1834 Thos. Pryor Secy
Forward the Patent
to Ottawa -



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DOCUMENT 8 – DONATION OF LAND TO RACHEL MUNSON, A FORMER INDIAN
CAPTIVE

May 11, 1834

TRANSCRIPTION

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State of Illinois, 
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sioners Court of said County, do hereby certify, that William Munson
and Rachael Hall, were, on the seventh day of March, 1833, lawfully
joined in Marriage, in said county, as appears to me of record in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and
affixid the seal of said court, at Hennepin, this
13th day of May, 1834.

H. Warren.

Ottawa Illinois. May 14th 1834
His excellency, The Governor of the state
of Illinois.



Sir. By an act of the Legislature
who
Rachel Hall One of the two Young ladies [^] was
captured by the Hostile Indians is entitled to a
donation of 80 Acres of land to be selected out
land
Of any of the canal [^] &c. Which selection has
been made and I hereby make application for
a deed to 40 Acres. On the south half of the East
half of the South East quarter of Section N^o. 13
In township N^o. 33 N. Range N^o. 4 East of the
third principal Meridian. and 40 acres On the
West part of the North fractional half of Section
N^o. 19. Township N^o. 33 N. Range N^o. 5 East for
the Benefit of William Munson and Rachel Munson
late Rachel Hall

William Munson

Rachael Munson

The Auditor and Secty. of State
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the above case

24 June 1834 John Reynolds

Forward the Patent Gov.
to Ottawa—

His Excellency Joseph Duncan
Governor Elect of the State of Illinois

Chicago Nov. 29. 1834

Sir - I take the liberty of transmitting to you a printed copy of the Memorial of the Citizens of Cook County, asking for the Construction of a Canal to unite the Illinois River with Lake Michigan by the State - The Memorial was adopted with great unanimity and speaks the sentiments of the people in this quarter of the State upon this important subject, except, that all would prefer a Steam-boat Canal to one of ordinary dimensions - We should have petitioned for one had we supposed it possible to induce the Legislature to go for it: But believing it impossible to obtain an act to construct a St. Boat Communication, the Citizens deemed it proper to ask for a Common Canal, well knowing, that when its usefulness should be tested the wants of the State should require it, an act could be obtained to enlarge it to the requisite size for Steam Boats - Our Citizens are for a Canal of some kind & they believe that it should be undertaken by the State - Rail Roads are out of the question with us, except, in those places where Canals cannot be obtained for want of water to feed them or some other insurmountable obstacle - I doubt whether we have Twenty Rail Road Men among us & some of these are influenced by interest - They hope to get Stock & then Canal lands as abounds - I trust they will be disappointed For one I should regret to see the Commercial prosperity and agricultural manufacturing interests ^{of the People of this State} subjected to the Control of a Rail Road Monopoly I hope I shall not be deemed guilty of impertinence when I say that, the people rely with great Confidence upon your wisdom & firmness in recommending and enforcing upon the general Assembly, the necessity of immediately adopting efficient measures for the opening of a Canal between the Illinois & the Lake - No improvement of the same extent of Cost, can be undertaken by the State which will confer such substantial advantages or secure so large Commercial facilities as this Canal - The State will incur no responsibility by the undertaking for I have not the least doubt but that the Canal lands will provide abundantly for the whole Cost. This may seem singular to your Excellency - It is nevertheless my firm conviction and this opinion is entertained by gentlemen of acknowledged competency and judgment - Let these lands be withheld until the Canal is completed and they will bring \$2,500,000 - This is half a million more than the Canal will actually cost, Mr Bucklin's Report to the contrary, notwithstanding Upon you Sir, we devolve the arduous but noble duty of carrying into ^{effect} a system of internal improvement which will produce results, beneficial and grand, almost beyond conception - Virtuous Ambition could not desire a more ample theatre for its ^{exercise} than the one which is presented to the Chief Magistrate elect of this State - a liberal Canal System will meet with the support of the people in this Section of the State I am with great respect Your obt. Servt.

James H. Collins

DOCUMENT 9 – LETTER TO GOVERNOR JOSEPH DUNCAN ACCOMPANYING A
MEMORIAL FROM CITIZENS OF COOK COUNTY

November 29, 1834

TRANSCRIPTION

His Excellency Joseph Duncan
Governor Elect of the State of Illinois

Chicago Nov. 29. 1834

Sir— I take the liberty of transmitting to you a printed copy of the memorial of the citizens of Cook County, asking for the construction of a canal to unite the Illinois river with Lake Michigan by the State. — The memorial was adopted with great unanimity and speaks the sentiments of the people in this quarter of the State upon this important Subject, except, that all would prefer a Steam – boat Canal to one of ordinary dimension – We should have petitioned for one had we supposed it possible to induce the Legislature to go for it: But believing it impossible to obtain an act to construct a St. Boat Communication, the citizens deemed it policy to ask for a Common Canal, well knowing, that when its usefulness should be tested & the wants of the State should require it, an act could be obtained to enlarge it to the requisite size for Steam Boats — Our citizens are for a canal of some kind & they believe that it should be undertaken by the State – Rail Roads are out of the question with us, except, in those places where canals cannot be obtained for want of water to feed them or some other insurmountable obstacle — I doubt whether we have Twenty rail road men among us & some of these are influenced by interest — They hope to get stock & then canal lands as a bonus — I trust they will be disappointed: For one I should regret to see the commercial prosperity and agricultural of the people of this State & manufacturing interests ^ subjected to the Control of a rail road monopoly I hope I shall not be deemed guilty of impertinence when I say that, the people rely with great confidence upon your wisdom & firmness in recommending and enforcing upon the general Assembly the necessity of immediately adopting efficient measures for the opening of a canal between the Illinois & the Lake — no improvement, of the same extent & cost, can be undertaken by the state which will confer such substantial advantages or secure so large commercial facilities as this canal — The state will incur no responsibility by the undertaking for I have not the least doubt but that the canal lands will provide abundantly for the whole cost. This may seem singular to your excellency — It is nevertheless my firm conviction, and the opinion is entertained by gentlemen of acknowledged competency & judgment — Let these lands be withheld until the canal is completed and they will bring \$2.500.000 — & this is half a million more than the canal will actually cost, Mr. Bucklin's report to the contrary, notwithstanding. Upon you sir, will devolve the arduous but noble duty of carrying effect into ^ a System of internal improvement which will produce results, beneficial and grand, almost beyond conception — virtuous ambition could exercise not desire a more ample theatre for its exercise than the one which is presented to the chief magistrate elect of this State — a liberal canal System will meet with the support of the people in this section of the State

I am with great respect Your obt.servt.

James H. Collins

Am Grov 15th August 1836

Dr Sir

I have this moment received your letter recommending the purchase of several points on the canal route for the use of the State. It is certainly desirable to increase the canal fund as much as possible and I can see no reason why the State should not derive all the benefits arising from the construction or location of the canal.

You are therefore authorized, in conjunction with the other Canal Commissioners to purchase such points as you believe will become valuable and take the conveyance in such form as will not the right in the State.

Yours friend

Joseph Duncan
Govr of Illinois

Col Wm B Archer

P.S. I am pleased to hear that your progress with the canal and hope for its early completion.

Your letter previously to leaving Chicago, was received here during my absence and as I could not comply with your request at the time and not knowing where a letter would find you I did not answer it.

Yours friend

Wm B Archer

Joseph Duncan

DOCUMENT 10 – LETTER FROM GOVERNOR JOSEPH DUNCAN TO COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM ARCHER CONCERNING CANAL LANDS

August 15, 1836

TRANSCRIPTION

Elm Grove 15th August 1836

D^r Sir

I have this moment received
your letter recommending the purchase of
Several points on the canal route for the use
of the State It is certainly desirable to in-
crease the canal fund as much as possible
and I can see no reason why the state should
not derive all the benefits arising from the
construction or location of the Canal.

You are therefore authorized, in conjunction
with the other Canal Commissioners to purchase
such points as you believe will become
valuable and take the conveyance in such
form as will vest the right in the State

Your friend

Joseph Duncan

Col W^m B Archer Gov^r of Illinois

P S I am pleased to hear that you
progress with the canal and hope for its
early completion

Your letter previously to leaving Chicago
was received here during my absence and as I could
not comply with your request at the time and not
knowing where a letter would find you I did not
answer it Your friend

W^m B Archer Joseph Duncan

Juliet 22d. Feb. 1838
 To the Commissioners of the
 Illinois & Michigan Canal
 Messrs.

Since the Commission of the outrages
 by the Irish at my work on the Canal on
 the 14th & 20th Inst. and the course that has
 been pursued in relation to the matter, I
 conceive that it would be unsafe for me
 at this time to go upon my work. And
 if it were safe for me to go upon my
 work I am unable at present to do so,
 on account of the injury received from the
 Irish. I have a large amount of property
 on and about my works, which is exposed
 to the rapacity of the Irish, and I have
 no men who can, or who dare to take
 measures to preserve my property.

The men who were arrested
 are now at liberty, and under existing
 circumstances I conceive it to be my duty to
 apply to you, gentlemen, to take such
 measures as you in your wisdom may
 think proper to preserve my property on
 the Canal and to restore order.

My Foreman is Dennis D.
 Kelly, living at Hay Town

As soon as I am able to ride,
 I shall be at Lock Port to see you
 Very respectfully your
 Obt. Servt.

James Brooks

DOCUMENT 11 – LETTER FROM JAMES BROOKS TO THE CANAL COMMISSIONERS
CONCERNING IRISH RIOTERS

February 22, 1838

TRANSCRIPTION

Juliet 22d. Feb. 1838

To the commissioners of the
Illinois & Michigan Canal

Messrs.

Since the Commission of the outrages
by the Irish at my work on the Canal on
the 19th & 20th Inst. and the course that has
been pursued in relation to the matter, I
conceive that it would be unsafe for me
at this time to go upon my work. And
if it were safe for me to go upon my
work I am unable at present to do so,
on account of the injury received from the
Irish. I have a large amount of property
on and about my works, which is exposed
to the rapacity of the Irish, and I have
no men who can, or who dare to take
measures to preserve my property.

The men who were arrested
are now at liberty, and under existing
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My Foreman is Dennis D.
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As soon as I am able to ride
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Very respectfully your

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James Brooks

List of Officers & Agents

Names of Persons	Office	Compensation
Wm Gooding	Chief Engineer	\$3.500.
E. B. Talbot	Resident Engineer	2,000.
Wm Jerome	Same	2,000.
W. B. Burnett	Same	2,000.
A. L. Hancock	Sur. Asst. Engineer	1.250.
E. Robinson	Same	1.250.
O. W. Jerome	Same	1.250.
M. A. Gooding	Same	1.250.
Michl. Ryan	Same	1.250.
Green	Same	1.250.
M. Benjamin	Same	1.250.
J. B. Preston	Same	1.250.
A. J. Mathewson	Same	1.250.
Wm. Hiltze	Rodman	600.
W. E. Cochrane	Same	600.
A. H. Fay	Same	600.
Wm. Whittle	Same	600.
Henry	Same	600.
Asst. Parker	Treasurers Clerk	1,000
J. Manning	Secretary	1,750

Lockport
Sept. 3rd 1838

I J. M. Manning Secretary
do certify that the above
is a true List of the Officers
and Agents in the Employ-
ment of the Board
J. Manning Secy

DOCUMENT 12 – LIST OF APPOINTED CANAL OFFICERS AND AGENTS

September 3, 1838

TRANSCRIPTION

List of Officers & Agents		
Names of Persons	Office	Compensation
Wm Gooding	Chief Engineer	\$3.500.
E.B. Talcott	Resident Engineer	2.000.
Wm Jerome	Same	2.000.
W.B. Burnett	Same	2.000.
J.L. Hanchett	Jun ^r . ass ^t . Engineer	1.250.
E. Robinson	Same	1.250.
O.W. Jerome	Same	1.250.
M.A. Gooding	Same	1.250.
Mich ^l . Ryan	Same	1.250.
Green	Same	1.250.
M. Benjamin	Same	1.250.
J.B. Preston	Same	1.250.
A.J. Mathewson	Same	1.250.
Wm Wiltze	Rodman	600.
Heacock	Same	600.
H.W.[Fay]	Same	600.
Wm Whittle	Same	600.
Henry	Same	600.
Josh ^a . Rucker	Treasurers Clerk	1.000
J. Manning	Secretary	1.750
Lockport Sept ^r . 3 rd 1838	I Joel Manning Secretary do Certify that the above is a true list of the officers and Agents in the Employ- ment of the Board J Manning Secy	

Springfield Dec: 20th / 1839

William Gooding Esq.
Principal Eng^r. &c. }

Sir,

The accompanying Resolution of the H^o. of Rep^s., calling for the probable amount of damages that would result from a suspension of operations on the Canal, must be answered as early as accurate information can be collected. You will therefore instruct the Resident and Assistant Engineers to ascertain immediately the value of investments made by the Contractors; and you will please give your own opinion, at large, together with all facts touching the enquiry.

Very Respectfully

Yr Obedt. Serv^t

W. F. Thornton
Pres^t. Can. Com.

DOCUMENT 13 – LETTER FROM W.F. THORNTON TO WILLIAM GOODING CONCERNING
A SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS

December 20, 1839

TRANSCRIPTION

Springfield Dec^r. 20th 1839

William Gooding Esq^r

Principal Eng^r &c }

Sir,

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Very Respectfully

yr obt. svt

W.F. Thornton

Pres^t. Can Com



CANAL INDEBTEDNESS.



Due from the Board of Commissioners
OF THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL, FOR WORK DONE ON SAID CANAL.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS,

which they promise to pay the Bearer of this when funds are provided for that purpose.

LOCKPORT, *April 1st* 1843.

Attest

J. M. Murray SECRETARY.

Jacob Hoff ACT. COM.

DOCUMENT 14 – CANAL SCRIP

September 10, 1840; March 1, 1841; and April 1, 1843

TRANSCRIPTION

FIVE

Nº. 450

FIVE

STATE BANK OF ILLINOIS

Pay to the order of David Prickett,

Treasurer **FIVE DOLLARS** and charge the
same to the “**ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL FUND**”

Lockport Sept 10, 1840

Jacob Fry Acting Comm^r. W F. Thornton Pres^t.

No.,

1805

Lockport

Mar 1 1841

State Bank of Illinois

Pay to the order of David Prickett

Treasurer **Two Dollars and Fifty Cents** and charge
the same to the “**Illinois & Michigan Canal Fund**”

Jacob Fry Acting Comm^r. W F. Thornton Pres^t

CANAL INDEBTEDNESS.

\$100

100

A

No. 1648

Due from the Board of Commissioners

OF THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL, FOR WORK DONE ON SAID CANAL,
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

which they promise to pay the Bearer of this when funds are provided for that purpose.

Lockport, April 1st 1843.

Attest

JManning Secretary.

Jacob Fry Act. Com.

Chicago. Sept 29. 1842.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed is Canal Commissioners' Certificate for Lot one (1), Block thirty seven (37) in Original Town of Chicago.

Please enclose a Patent for the same to Messrs Gurnee & Matteson of this place.

We are all very busy here, indeed too much so to fight duels; but there are a number of gentlemen practicing Cut and Thrust to prepare themselves for a Winter Campaign in Springfield.

I am Dear Sir

Respectfully

Your obt. Svt.

Geo. W. Meek

Hon Lyman Fumbull

Springfield.

Illinois.

DOCUMENT 15 – LETTER FROM GEORGE W. MEEKER TO LYMAN TRUMBULL
CONCERNING A LAND PATENT

September 29, 1842

TRANSCRIPTION

Chicago Sept 29. 1842

Dear Sir.

Enclosed is Canal Commissioners' certificate for Lot one (1), Block thirty seven (37) in Original Town of Chicago.

Please enclose a Patent for the same to Messrs Gurnie & Matteson of this place.

We are all very busy here, indeed too much so to fight duels; but there are a number of gentlemen practising cut and thrust to prepare themselves for a Winter Campaign in Springfield.

I am Dear Sir

Respectfully

Your obt svt.

Geo. W. Meeker

Hon Lyman Trumbull

Springfield.

Illinois.

Tuesday July 23, 1845.

(Copy Record.)

Resolved that two efficient agents be appointed to superintend the timber lands under the direction of the Resident Trustee and to take measures to protect the same against depredations; also that said agents shall ascertain the name of every person now living on or improving Canal lands, or town lots, the period at which they settle upon the same, and such other proof of their title to presumption under the law as they may be enabled to procure in accordance with the provisions of the fifth paragraph of the regulations of the Resident Trustee department. — And Resolved, that such number of persons residing upon or near said lands, not exceeding twenty in number be appointed by the Resident Trustee to have the supervision of the said timber lands under the direction of the two timber agents, and the duty of the said residents shall be to report all depredations or thefts — which may be committed within their limits respectively to the Agents aforesaid.

Resolved further that the compensation of each of the Agents shall be twelve hundred dollars per annum in full for services and travelling expenses; and that the compensation to each of the residents shall not exceed twenty dollars per annum. Whereupon the question was put and the votes stood thus
Ayes. David Leavitt, Wm. H. Swift — Nays. Jacob Fry

DOCUMENT 16 – RESOLUTION OF CANAL TRUSTEES CONCERNING TIMBER LAND
AGENTS

July 23, 1845

TRANSCRIPTION

Tuesday July 23. 1845.

(copy Record.)

Resolved that two efficient agents be appointed to super intend the timber lands under the direction of the Resident Trustee and to take measures to protect the same against depredations; also that said agents shall ascertain the name of every person now living on or improving canal lands, or town lots, the period at which they settled upon the same, and such other proof of their title to preemption under the law as they may be enabled to procure in accordance with the provisions of the fifth paragraph of the regulations of the resident Trustees department. – and Resolved, that such number of persons residing upon or near said lands not exceeding twenty in number be appointed by the Resident Trustee to have the supervision of the said timber lands under the direction of the two timber agents, and the duty of ~~the~~ said residents shall be to report all depredations or thefts ~~that~~ which may be committed within their limits respectively to the agents aforesaid. Resolved further that the compensation of each of the agents shall be twelve hundred dollars per annum in full for services and travelling expenses; and that the compensation to each of the residents shall not exceed twenty dollars per annum. Where upon the question was put and the votes stood thus
Ayes - David Leavitt W^m H Swift — Naves - Jacob Fry

Canal Office -
Lockport Sept. 15 - 1845

David Leavitt Esq.

Dear Sir,

We are informed by Mr. Hardy the Contractor for Sections No: 195, 196 and 197, (the Steam Boat Channel & basin at La Salle;) that he desires to draw upon you at thirty days for Twenty Five Hundred Dollars to aid in the purchase of goods for the use of his work. We hereby certify that he has a good force upon his job at present, and probably has already done enough to entitle him to this amount of money and before the first estimate will greatly increase the amount. We have therefore no hesitation in saying that it would be perfectly safe to advance him this sum, (or accept the above specified draft,) and that with his authority to pay the money retained from his estimate, it would unquestionably be promptly met.

Very truly

Yours,

Jacob H. H. /
Wm. Gooding

DOCUMENT 17 – LETTER FROM JACOB FRY AND WILLIAM GOODING TO DAVID
LEAVITT CONCERNING AN ADVANCED PAYMENT ON A CONTRACT

September 15, 1845

TRANSCRIPTION

Canal Office
Lockport Sep^r. 15–1845

David Leavitt Esq^r.

Dear Sir,

We are informed
by Mr. Hardy the contractor for Sections N^o. 195, 196
and 197, (the Steam boat Channel & basin at La Salle,) that he desires to draw upon you at ninety days for Twenty Five Hundred Dollars to aid in the purchase of goods for the use of his work. We hereby certify that he has a good force upon his job at present and probably has already done enough to entitle him to this amount of money and before the first estimate will greatly increase the amount. We have therefore no hesitation in saying that it would be perfectly safe to advance him this sum, (or accept the above specified draft,) and that with his authority to have the money retained from his estimate it would unquestionably be promptly met.

Verytruly

Yours,

Jacob Fry

W^m Gooding

La Salle - Illinois
September 16. 1845

David Leavitt Esq.

Dear Friend

Enclosed I send you Jeremiah brother's note. - A portion of his goods were on the Orleans, which boat was sunk in running fresh water. - What damage they sustained he had not heard. - I sent you, a few days since, a letter, in which I wrote with reference to the purchase of a buggy. - That letter I suppose you have by this time read. - If the buggy has not been purchased yet, I would add to what I have before written, that I should like to have the running gear quite strong, the tire broad.

As to the rest it might be made in a lighter manner.

I am now at Mr Hardy's, & he requests me to say that he is getting along very well with his work. - He has much the largest force upon the line.

There is a great deal of sickness all along the route. - Gen. King is but just recovering from a severe attack of fever. - I am well, & progressing slowly in my work. - (There are some anti-centers with whom I expect to have trouble. - An Irishman, the other day, because I said fit to enter any protest against his stealing coal & stone, when I spoke to him drew his spade upon me & threatened to batter my brains out. - He, however, had sense enough not to strike, but swore if I troubled him any more he'd give me a whipping. - Upon that I had a warrant issued for him, & caused him to be bound over to answer for stealing. - It completely cowed the scoundrel. - He begged my pardon a dozen times, & dealt out any quantity of his blame to me. - The effect I think had been beneficial, so far as his brother Irish are concerned. - Love to all

Affectionately Yours
D. L. Hough

DOCUMENT 18 – LETTER FROM D.S. HOUGH TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING HIS
DUTIES AS TIMBER LAND AGENT

September 16, 1845

TRANSCRIPTION

La Salle— Illinois

September 16. 1845

David Leavitt Esq

Dear Uncle

Enclosed I send you
Jeremiah Crotty's note. – A portion of his goods were
on the Orleans, which boat was sunk in nine
feet water. – What damage they sustained he has
not heard. – I sent you, a few days since, a
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out any quantity of Irish blarney to me. – The effect I
think has been beneficial, so far as his brother Irish
are concerned. – Love to all

Affectionately Yours

D.L. Hough

Ottawa La Salle County
 Feb 16th 1845

Dwight Scott Esq^r

Dear Sir

Some three or four days since I was returning from Chicago and happened to stop at Lockport and had an interview ~~with~~ with several of the Contractors who subscribed to the Canal Loan. I find it to be the unanimous opinion of the Contractors (who were subscribers to the Loan) that it will break many of them up if they are called upon at this time to pay up the first installment due on the amount of their Subscriptions.

In consequence of Sickness and other causes the Contractors have not been able to succeed as well as they expected and a call upon them at this moment for their Subscription would ruin many of them and it is deemed expedient to petition the Board of Trustees with a view to obtain an extension of the time for paying the amount now due on their Subscriptions. A Meeting has been held and a petition got up at Lockport for the above purpose. I was requested to attend the Meeting but could not, but promised that I would write to you personally and add my solicitations in favour of a further extension of time for the payment of Subscriptions. I assure you now that if Contractors are obliged to pay the installment now due they cannot proceed with the work. but I have no hesitation to say that by the next estimate After the present Contractors will be abundantly able to pay up ^{??} and give security to do so if required.

Very Respectfully

Wm. C. Croft

DOCUMENT 19 – LETTER FROM JEREMIAH CROTTY TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING
PENDING LOAN SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS

October 16, 1845

TRANSCRIPTION

Ottawa La Salle County

Oct^r 16th 1845

David Levitt Esq^r

Dear Sir

Some three or four days since I was returning from Chicago and happened to stop at Lockport and had an interview ~~wh~~ with several of the Contractors who subscribed to the Canal Loan. I find it to be the unanimous opinion of the Contractors (who were subscribers to the Loan) that it will break many of them up if they are called upon at this time to pay up the first installment due on the amount of their subscriptions.

In consequence of sickness and Other Causes, the Contractors have not been able to succeed as well as they expected and a Call upon them at this moment for their subscription would ruin many of them and it is deemed expedient to petition the Board of Trustees with a view to obtain an extention of the time for paying the amount now due on their subscriptions a meeting has been held and a petition got up at Lockport for the above purpose. I was requested to attend the meeting but could not, but promised that I would write to you personally and add my solicitations in favour of a further extention of time for the payment of subscriptions. I assure you now that if contractors are obliged to pay the installment now due they cannot proceed with the work, but I have no hesitation to say that by the next estimate After the present contractors will be abundantly able to pay up and give security for so doing if required

very respectfully

Jeremiah Crotty

Rockport July 11th 1846

Mr Wm Gooden Esq

Dear Sir

I would like to put the towing path in
order from Shanahorn to Overden

Clear off the brush & Burn them
then are some trees that are 6 or 8 inches
in diameter - it is now the best time
to clear it as the leaves will soon
dry and be easily burned the earth
for the slide will work better now
than in a wet time I can get plenty
of help at this time and will leave
the Price to the Estimate of the
Engineers

I am Sir With
Respect your Hubers
Servant

John Van Arman

DOCUMENT 20 – LETTER FROM JOHN VAN ARNAM TO WILLIAM GOODING
CONCERNING A TOWPATH CONTRACT

July 11, 1846

TRANSCRIPTION

Lockport July 11th 1846

Mr W^m Gooden Esqr

Dear Sir

I would like to put the towing path in
order from Shanahorn to Dresden
Clear off the Brush & Burn them
their are some trees that are 6 or 8 inches
in diameter it is now the best time
to Clear it as the leaves will soon
drey and be easy Burned the earth
for the Slide will work beter now
than in a wet time I Can get plenty
of help at this time and will leave
the Price to the Estimate of the
Engineers

I Am Sir With

Respect your Humble

Servent

John Van Arnam

Stewart July 29th 1846
 Mr W. Gooding Sir

Although personally
 unacquainted with you, I am desirous to know
 if there is any prospect for work on the
Michigan Canal of which you are Chief
Engineer, I have been in the way of Contracting
 and at present am engaged on Maris Canal
 and will finish my Contract by the 20th of
 August, and should be pleased to visit your
 part of the Country if there is any encourage-
 =ment for a good contract, I can bring with
 me one hundred men and more if wanted,

You will please give me the desired informa-
 =tion what amount of contract and the going
 prices and specifications if this should meet
 your approbation on the result of this and
 and ~~you~~ will oblige yours

Respectfully

C. L. Dorman & Co

William Gooding Esq

C. E. of M. C.

N.Y.

Satisfaction referred to Carrots and capability
 if required

Care of L. C. Grover Esq
 299. Broad St.

N.J.

DOCUMENT 21 – LETTER FROM C.L. DENMAN OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY TO WILLIAM
GOODING CONCERNING CONTRACT WORK

July 29, 1846

TRANSCRIPTION

Newark July 29th 1846

M^r W. Gooding

Sir

Although personly
unacquainted with you, I am deserous to now
if their is any prospect for work on the
Michigan Canal of which you are Chief
Engineer, I have bin in the way of Contracting
and at present am engaged on Morris Canal
and will finish my Contract by the 20 of
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and You will oblige yours

respectfully

C. L. Denman & Co

William Gooding Esq

C. E. of M. C.

N.B.

Satisfactory reference to caricter and capability
if required

Care of L.C. Grover Esq,,

299. Broad st.

N.J.

Ottawa August 9th 1846

Mr Gooding Chief Engineer
 of the Michigan

Dear Sir

This evening I was informed that
 Section N^o 139 was to be let amongst other works
 if so I wish you would do all in your power ^{to} get it
 for me as there is some rock in it that would
 keep my forces to work this winter, you know that
 I need all assistance ~~you~~ can give me to
 enable me to pay up my subscription,
 I could also controul the wages better
 on this part of the line than if others got
 the work, I don't work I do not ask for as
 you know I don't understand it

I respectfully yours &c
 Jeremiah Crotty

~~Wm Gooding~~

DOCUMENT 22 – LETTER FROM JEREMIAH CROTTY TO WILLIAM GOODING
CONCERNING CONTRACT WORK ON SECTION 139

August 9, 1846

TRANSCRIPTION


Ottawa August 9th 1846

M^r Gooding Chief Engineer

Ill & Michigana

Dear sir

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Section N^o 139 was to be let amongst other works
if so I wish you would do all in your power ^{to} get it
For me as there is some Rock in it that would
Keep my forces to work this winter, youKnow that
I Need all assistance You Can give me to
Enable me to pay up my subscription.
I Could allso Controul the wages Better
on this part of the line than if others got
the work, Stone work I do not ask for as
You Know I dont understand it

 Respectfully yours &c
Jeremiah Crotty

N.B. whin-y

To the Honourable the trustees of the Illinois
and Michigan Canal

Gentlemen the undersigned your Petitioner resides
on Section 17 Town 39 in the City of Chicago, the
Preemption on the East Half of the North West quarter
of said Section came to Betsey A Mullan by the
will of her Father, she is now an Orphan of five
years of age, without money or property, which
happened by the long sickness of her father and
Mother. it was her Guardian who paid for her part
of block 3 in Sub Division of Section 17, which the
trustees thought proper to allow her out of the 80 acres
that her Father proved the preemption on, and which
all thought she would get at the valuation
Gentlemen there is Twelve hundred dollars worth of
improvements on the part that she did not get, and
your Petitioner would pray that the trustees would allow
her something for those improvements, as they have the
remainder in their own hands - Gentlemen if we take
away the fences, the ditches and the trees will be all
torn down by the Cattle, and it will again become a
wild prairie - her Father and Mother lost their lives
struggling to improve and make valuable this land, and
she was the first settler on this section, - Your Petitioner would
request the trustees to take their case in consideration

Dennis Mullan for himself
and Betsey A Mullan

**DOCUMENT 23 – PETITION FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR A PREEMPTION
CLAIM TO BENEFIT AN ORPHAN**

September 25, 1847

TRANSCRIPTION

To the Honourable the trustees of the Illinois
and Michigan Canal

Gentlemen the undersigned your Petitioners resides on Section 17 Town 39 in the City of Chicago, the Preemption on the East Half of the North west quarter of said section came to Betsey A. Mullan by the will of her Father, she is now an Orphan of five years of age, without money or property, which happened by the long sickness of her father and Mother. it was her guardian who paid for her part of block 3 in sub division of Section 17, which the trustees thought proper to allow her out of the 80 acres that her Father proved the preemption on, and which all thought she would get at the valuation

Gentlemen there is Twelve hundred dollars worth of improvements on the part that she did not get, and your petitioners would pray that the trustees would allow her something for those improvements, as they have the remainder in their on hands– Gentlemen if we take away the fences, the ditches and the trees will be all torn down by the Cattle, and it will again become a wild prairie– her Father and Mother lost their lives struggling to improve and make valueable this land, and the ware the first sttlers on this section, – Your petioners would request the trustees to take their case in consideration

Dennis Mullan for himself
And Betsey A Mullan

Canal Office
Sackett Feb. 9 - 1848

Mr. G. W. Green

Dear Sir,

The weather continues most delightful and now is the time to get the bal. of the materials which are required to finish up. Mr. Talcott has written you about some matters, but I am getting uneasy about Lock 14 and if, from present indications, you do not feel entirely certain that Hardy will have the timber all on the ground within ten days I say to Frost that he may have the job at his own proposal on condition that he will have the timber there and the quoins finished and in their places in three weeks from the time the notice is received. Tell him that there is no time to be lost about the gates of the said Lock and he must work fast.

The fact I desire you to push every thing, and if you are a good boy and do well perhaps there will be reduction of your pay. Seriously I think that you will find enough to do to occupy all your time.

I wish you would see, too, about the bridges on Sect. 148 & 154 and inform me how matters stand in relation to them. See Frost and say to him that every thing depends upon his finishing his work just as

soon as practicable. I see nothing now to prevent opening the Canal by the first of April if he can be out of the way by the middle of March, so that we can fill up the gaps, take out bars &c. by that time. I say again push, push.

Truly Yours

W. Locking

DOCUMENT 24 – LETTER FROM WILLIAM GOODING TO G.W. GREEN CONCERNING THE
CANAL'S COMPLETION

February 9, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

Canal Office
Lockport Feb. 9–1848 }

Mr. G. W. Green,

Dear Sir,

The weather continues most
delightful and now is the time to get the bal. of the
materials which we require to finish up. Mr.
Talcott has written you about some matters, but
I am getting uneasy about Lock 14 and if, from
present indications, you do not feel entirely certain
that Hardy will have the timber all on the ground within
ten days say to Grubb that he may have the job as
his own proposal on condition that he will have
the timber there and the quoins finished and in their
places in three weeks from the time the notice is re-
-ceived. Tell him that there is no time to be lost about
the gates of the said Lock and he must work fast.

In fact I desire you to push every thing and if
you are a good boy and do well perhaps there will
be reduction of your pay. Seriously I think that you
will find enough to do to occupy all your time.

I wish you would see, too, about the bridges
on Sec^S. 148 & 154 and inform me how matters stand
in relation to them. See Frost and say to him that
every thing depends upon his finishing his work just as
soon as practicable. I see nothing now to prevent opening
the Canal by the first of April if he can be out of the
way by the middle of March, so that we can fill up the
gaps, take out bars &c. by that time. I say again push, push

Truly Yours

W^m Gooding

David Leavitt Esq.
Dear Sir

Chicago April 25-1848

I have valued on the Am.
Exchange Bank, since my last, as follows viz -
N^o 751 Apt. 5-1848 fav: Chat Oakley — \$35. —
" 752 " 10 — " Geo: Armour — 2000. —
" 753 — " — " J. H. Burchob: (in duplicate) 10,000. —

We expect the first Boat, (from Lockport,) in to day — and in the course of the week, one or more from La Salle, (thos' the whole line) —
I am respy:

N. B. On examining your Bank interest ac: (by request of Capt. Swift,) I find that part of it is made out in accordance with commercial usage i.e. calling 360 days a year; but other parts at 365 days; there are several errors besides, & the date of several items do not correspond with your ac: current — Please to make out a new & accurate ac: of interest from your Books, & send it while the Trustees shall be here — I think the difference will be in your favor, if your new ac: be made out on the basis of 365 days to the year — Pray lose no time in attending to this —
Yrs. S.

Dear Sir
Yours S. F.
(Robert Stuart)

DOCUMENT 25 – LETTER FROM ROBERT STUART TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING
ACCOUNTS AND THE CANAL'S OPENING

April 10, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

Chicago April 10–1848

David Leavitt Esq^r.

Dear Sir

I have valued on the Am:

Exchange Bank, since my last, as follows viz~

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from your Books, & send it while the Trustees shall be here—

I think the difference will be in your favor, if your new

a/c: be made out on the basis of 365 days to the year —

Pray lose no time in attending to this

R.S.

Chicago 5 May 1848

Dear Sir

I beg leave to present a claim to your Board for damages sustained by me as the owner of the Flouring & Saw Mills at Lockport, in consequence of the diversion of the Des. Plain River, from its natural channel.

With the supply of water ~~the~~ I had at the time it was taken from me, I was manufacturing eighty Bbls. flour daily & an average of 60 Bushels grain for custom work, besides I was sawing daily 3000 feet lumber. The daily expenses of both Mills are \$15. the daily net profits were \$25.

Both Mills are now idle, while the expenses are continued my claim therefore is \$25 p. day while so situated. The evidence in support of this claim, I am prepared to submit in such form as you may direct.

Respectfully requesting the action of the Board in the premises

I am - Gentl -

Very Resp^y Yours

Hiram Norton

To the Hon. Board of Justices
J & M Canal
Chicago

DOCUMENT 26 – HIRAM NORTON'S DAMAGE CLAIM ARISING FROM A LOSS OF WATER
POWER

May 5, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

Chicago 5 May 1848

Gent

I beg leave to present a claim to —
your Board for damages sustained by me
as the Tenant of the Flouring & Saw Mills at
Lockport, in consequence of the diversion of
the Des. Plains River from its natural channel

With the supply of water I had at the
time it was taken from me, I was manufacturing
Eighty Bbl^s. flour daily & an average of 60 Bushels
grane for custom work, ~~besides~~ I was sawing—
daily 3000 feet lumber. The daily expenses of both
Mills are \$15. the daily net proffits were \$25

Both mills are now Idle, while the expenses are
continued, my claim therefore is \$25 pr day while
so situated. The evidence in support of this
claim, I am prepared to submit in such form as
you may direct

Respectfully requesting the action of the Board
in the premises

I Am Gent

Very Respy Yours

To the Hon Board of Trustees

Hiram Norton

I & M Canal

Chicago

The Rev. Alphonso Montuori,
 Claims for the Catholic Congregation } Lots No. 1 + 2 in
 of Lasalle. } Block 99. Lasalle.

Rev. Alphonso Montuori, having been duly sworn
 says, That in the Spring of the year 1838, the
 Congregation erected upon lot n^o. 1 a Church
 60 feet by 24, and erected a dwelling house for
 the Parson upon the same lot. That in 1839 or
 1840 an addition to the dwelling house was built;
 That in 1839 Lots 1 + 2 were enclosed, into one
 enclosure, and a garden was made, covering
 a part of each lot & the same year a stable
 was built upon lot n^o. 2. It is 15 by 12 feet,
 shingle roof. Some fruit trees & flowers were
 put out in 1839.

This Church has been used ever since its erection,
 as a place of religious worship, by the Congregation,
 and the dwelling, stable & garden have been
 used and occupied by the different successive
 Priests of said Congregation up to this time, and
 are still so occupied. There are no other improvements
 than those owned by the said Catholic Congregation on
 the said lots. Witness hands all the facts stated, up
 to 1842 from the Books of the Congregation; since
 that time he has officiated as Priest to the
 congregation.

Alphonso Montuori

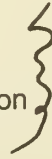
DOCUMENT 27 – PREEMPTION CLAIM OF ALPHONSO MONTUORY FOR THE CATHOLIC
CONGREGATION AT LA SALLE

May 25, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

The Rev. Alphonso Montuory

claims for the Catholic Congregation
of Lasalle.



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Block 99. Lasalle.

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used and occupied by the different successive
Priests of said Congregation up to this time, and
are still so occupied. There are no other improvements
than those owned by the said Catholic Congregation on
the said lots. Witness learns all the facts stated, up
to 1842, from the Books of the congregation; since
that time he has officiated as Priest to the
congregation.

Alphonso Montuory

Bornath Bird, Claims Lot 6 in Block 126, Lasalle.

Bornath Bird, Sworn, Says, That he owns all the improvements on this lot, he bought ~~them~~ of Patrick Moore in 1846. Patrick Moore bought them of John Gurry; Gurry bought of Michael Molaw, & Molaw bought of John Dooly, and Dooly bought of Rev. W. Kaho, and Kaho bought it of Michael Mawersy, and Mawersy bought it of John Dillon & John Martin, by whom they were made; The house was built in the winter of 1838.

The house was the only improvement on the lot up to Dec. 1842,

The house was vacant through the winter of 1842 & 3. Since Bird bought he has built a framed Carpenter Shop on the lot.

The lot has never been fenced.

The house built in 1838 was a ~~two~~ log house 14 by 15 feet, one story high. Bernard Bird
Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 26th day of May 1848

Wm. W. Hennessy Notary Public

William Dempsey & Edward Norton, Sworn, Say they know that all the facts stated in the foregoing affidavit of Bornath Bird are true.

Subscribed and Sworn to before
me this 26th day of May 1848

Wm. Dempsey
Edw. Norton

Wm. W. Hennessy Notary Public

TRANSCRIPTION

Subscribed and Sworn to before } Wm Dempsey
me this 26th day of May 1848 } his
Thos W Hennessey notary Public } Edw^d x Norton
mark

Mr. Talbot Eng-
 Chief Engineer }
 M & S Canal

Chicago June 11. 1848

Dear Sir

At the suggestion of Mr.

I take the liberty of sending you a Plan
 for a scow scraper for taking out bars in Canal
 A scow, say 50 feet long, and 14 ft. wide, sides
 about 2 feet high decked about 48 inches above bottom
 with a recess 4 feet wide & say 20 feet long in the
 middle to admit a scraper suitable for taking up
 earth, the handles of the scraper to be made fast
 at one end of recess and a windlass over the other
 end with chains attached to the scraper allowing
 it to drop down through the recess to the required
 depth, and to raise the scraper to the deck when fill-
 ed with earth, a pulley on the forward end of the
 scow where a rope passes through that has one end
 made fast on the bank and a gale of bower on the
 towing path to the other end, to move the scow forward
 to fill the scraper, some stakes attached to the sides of the
 scow will hold it fast while the windlass raises the scraper
 the earth shovels off onto the deck & the scraper dropped
 down again when the scow is ready to move ahead again
 The above is the principle & out line description a
 machine that has been used on the Erie Canal with
 good results - the scow is useful as a canal repair-
 er without the scraper, & is cheap to build.

I have had some experience on the Erie Canal and
 offer my services to you.

Yours obt. servant, A. S. Durfee

I am at Talbot's house at 111 N. 1st St.

DOCUMENT 29 – LETTER FROM SYDNEY S. DURFEE TO EDWARD B. TALCOTT
CONCERNING A SCOW SCRAPER

June 11, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

I am at Packet boat office Daily –

Mr. Talcot Esq ^r	}	Chicago June 11. 1848
Chief Engineer		Dear Sir
M & I Canal		At the suggestion of Mr.

Scovell I take the liberty of sending you a plan for a scow scraper for taking out bars in Canal

A scow, say 50 feet long and 14 ft. wide, sides about 2 feet high decked about 18 inches above bottom with a recess 4 feet wide & say 20 feet long in the middle to admit a scraper suitable for taking up Earth, the handles of the scraper to be made fast at one End of recess and a windlas over the other End with chains attached to the scraper allowing it to drop down through the recess to the required depth, and to raise the scraper to the deck when fill-ed with Earth, a Pully on the forward End of the scow where a rope passes through that has one End made fast on the bank and a yoke of oxen on the Towing path to the other End, to moove the scow forward, to fill the scraper, some stakes attached to the sides of the scow will hold it fast while the windlas raises the scraper & the Earth shoved off onto the deck & the scraper, dropped down again. when the scow is ready to move ahead again

The above is the principle & out line description a machine that has been used on the Erie Canal with good results —the scow is usefull as a Canal repair-er without the scraper, & is cheap to build.

I have had some Experience on the Erie Canal and offer my services to you.

Your Obt. Servt. S.S. Durfee

Leumont House
Chicago July 22nd 1848 }

E. B. Talcott

Eng. Illinois & Mich. Canal:

Sir:

I will do the towing
on the Illinois and Michigan Canal between
the City of Chicago and Bridgeport for Eighteen
dollars per day, and optional with you as to
the starting time and the number of trips per day.

I will leave Grand River on Wednesday next and
will be here as soon as wind and weather will permit.

Enclosed I send you a letter of introduction to
Robert Stuart, also a Certificate of responsibility.

If you should see fit to accept this proposal,
please inform me by letter at the Leumont, or I will
call and see you at the Sherman House on
Monday morning at 7 o'clock.

Yours Respectfully
H. C. Damon

P.S. If open bids will be considered I will do it as
cheap as any one H. C. D.

DOCUMENT 30 – LETTER FROM GEORGE C. DARROW TO EDWARD B. TALCOTT
CONCERNING THE TOWING CONCESSION BETWEEN BRIDGEPORT
AND CHICAGO

July 22, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

Tremont House
Chicago July 22^d 1848 }

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Yours Respectfully

Geo. C. Darrow

P.S. If open bids will be considered I will do it as
cheap as any one G. C. D.

David Leavitt Esq:
Dear Sir

Chicago Aug^t 5-1848

I arrived here safe & sound,
last night - find all well - Mr. Loop has been
absent in New York for the last 3 weeks, which has
much deranged operations here; and there seems to
be some conflicting opinions as to the best mode of
offering the lands for sale, which may prevent final
action until you arrive, when all may have to be
changed - I therefore hope you will be here not
later than the 20th inst., you will find abundance
to do, and the system should be perfected before you
begin the sale. It would be highly disagreeable
not to have ^{matter} in the best order & all eyes will
be upon you, & every effort made to find fault.

The tolls are handsome, say about \$100,000,
but the repairs &c. are very heavy, & will continue
to be so until next spring -

I have written Capt. Swift to hurry
on; & hope you will back me, for depend
upon it it being needful -

Truly yours
Robert Stewart

DOCUMENT 31 – LETTER FROM ROBERT STUART TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING AN
UPCOMING LAND SALE

August 5, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

Chicago Aug^t 5[~] 1848

David Leavitt Esq^r.

Dear Sir

I arrived here safe & sound,
last night – find all well – M^r. Loop has been
absent in New York for the last 3 weeks, which has
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be some conflicting opinions as to the best mode of
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action until your arrival, when all may have to be
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later than the 20[~] inst[~], you will find abundance
to do, and the system should be perfected before you
begin the sales, – It would be highly disreputable
not to have ^a matters in the best order – all eyes will
be upon you, & every effort made to find fault. –

The tolls are handsome, say about \$30,000,
but the repairs &c: are very heavy, & will continue
to be so until next spring —

I have written Cap^t. Swift to hurry
on; & hope you will back me, for depend
upon ~~its~~ its being needful –

Truly yours

Robert Stuart

Pittsburgh Aug 19. '48

Mr J. C. Clark

I have received your letter requesting me to attend the sale of Canal lands on the first Sept at your City. I had previously seen the advertisement and determined to attend the sale. If nothing occurs to prevent I shall leave here on the 25th going by the way of Cleveland & the lakes and shall probably reach there before the sale commences. If I do not - however - and any good bargains offer - bid for the property and as I suppose you will leave until the close of the sale to make the payment down - I shall be in time if I should happen to get there after the 1st Sept.

I want to buy about \$25,000. Don't buy anything that you can't, as you say, make 50 per cent on within the year

Your Friend
S. J. Brady

Remember me to
Lettie

DOCUMENT 32 – LETTER FROM S.I. MCCRADY TO J.C. CLARK CONCERNING AN
UPCOMING LAND SALE

August 19, 1848

TRANSCRIPTION

Pittsburgh Aug 19. '48

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by the way of Cleveland & the Lakes and shall
probably reach there before the sale commences
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gains offer — bid for the property and as I
suppose you will have until the close
of the sale to make the payment down —
I shall be in time if I should happen
to get there after the 1st Sept^r —

I want to buy about \$25,000. __

Don't buy anything that you can't,
as you say, make 50 per cent on
within the year

Remember me to } Your Friend
Letitia } S.I. McCrady

3442

Illinois & Michigan Canal Office
Chicago, February 20 1849

Joseph D. Wells, State Trustee
of the Illinois and Michigan Canal,
do hereby certify, that Lot five (5) in
Block four (4), Lot nine (9) in Block
fifty (50), Lot six (6) in Block fifty five
(55) and Lot six (6) in Block fifty eight
(58) in the original town (now city) of Chicago
have been donated by the Commissioners of the
Illinois & Michigan Canal to the city of Chicago
for the use of Schools, in accordance with the
provisions of the General Act of Assembly for
the donation of Lots in Towns situated on Canal
lands to public purposes; that said lots are
a part of the Land appropriated by the General
Government to aid the State of Illinois in the
construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal,
and upon the presentation of this Certificate to
the Governor of the State of Illinois, the said City
of Chicago will be entitled to receive a patent
for the Lots above described

Immd Patent Feb 27 49

Joseph D. Wells
State Trustee

DOCUMENT 33 – DONATION OF CANAL LOTS TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO FOR SCHOOL
PURPOSES

February 20, 1849

TRANSCRIPTION

3442

Illinois & Michigan Canal Office
Chicago, February 20 1849

I, Joseph B. Wells, State Trustee
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a part of the Land appropriated by the General
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of Chicago will be entitled to receive a patent
for the Lots above described

Joseph B. Wells
State Trustee

Issued Patent Feb 27 ,49

Monday March 5. 1849.

The Treasurer submitted the following preamble & resolutions.

Whereas representations have been made to the Board of Trustees, of great inconvenience experienced by Pezangos arriving at La Salle for want of suitable Hotels for their accommodation, in consequence of which they are compelled to go to Peru, and whereas the lands and lots at La Salle are chiefly owned by the trustees, and in the opinion of the Board were also if individuals, the value of the lands and lots would be greatly enhanced in value by the erection of a hotel, and whereas Isaac Hardy has offered to build a Hotel suitable for the purposes aforesaid provided he can obtain a loan of money from the Board of Trustees for that purpose, therefore, in view of advantages contemplated, resolved, that a loan of four thousand dollars be made to said Isaac Hardy for the period of three years, with interest at seven percent payable semi-annually, provided the security offered by said Hardy shall be approved by the Board of Trustees

Signed in Washington by W B Swift March 1849

Signed in New York by J B Swift March 5 1849 - J B Swift

Signed in Wash DC by W B Swift March 7. 1849

W. B. Swift

Joseph B Wells

Signed in Chicago, March 20th 1849.

DOCUMENT 34 – RESOLUTION TO LOAN A SUM OF MONEY TO FINANCE THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A HOTEL AT LA SALLE

March 5, 1849

TRANSCRIPTION

Monday March 5. 1849.

The Treasurer submitted following preamble & resolution.

Whereas representations, have been made to the Board of Trustees, of great inconvenience experienced by Passengers arriving at La Salle for want of suitable Hotels for their accommodation, in consequence of which, they are compelled to go to Peru, and whereas the lands and lots at La Salle are chiefly owned by the Trustees, and in the opinion of the Bard and also of individuals, the value of the lands and lots would be greatly enhanced in value by the erection of a Hotel. and whereas Isaac Hardy has offered to build a Hotel suitable for the purposes aforesaid provided he can obtain a loan of money from the Board of Trustees for that purpose, therefore, in view of advantages contemplated, resolved, that a loan of four thousand dollars be made to said Isaac Hardy for the period of three years with interest at seven per cent payable semi-annually, provided the security offered by said Hardy shall be approved by the Board of Trustees

~~Signed in Washington by W^m H. Swift March 1849~~

Signed in New York by D. Leavitt March 5th 1849 D Leavitt

Signed in Washington by W H Swift March 7, 1849

W.H.Swift

Signed in Chicago, March 20th 1849. Joseph B Wells

Capt. Wm H. Swift
 Cust. B^d of States }

Colonial Office
 13 May 1849

Sir,

Considerable difficulty
~~occurred~~ in the early part of last ~~year~~
 from the improper Management of Rafts upon
 the Canal, which induced me to withhold further
 permits as provided in Sec^o 135 of ~~the Act~~ by Law
 1848. It is often a difficult matter to
 discriminate between persons who would, and
 those who would not manage a raft properly
 until they have made a trial, and still more
 difficult to prevent improper persons from
 obtaining their object indirectly.

I would therefore recommend that Sec^o
 135 be repealed—allowing any person to ~~use~~
 timber subject to the general regulations—
 relying upon the ~~provisions~~ as stated in Sec^o
 38, 39 & 40 to insure the proper Management.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt^{ly}

Edw^d J. Talbot
 Ch^g Engr.

DOCUMENT 35 – LETTER FROM EDWARD B. TALCOTT TO WILLIAM H. SWIFT
CONCERNING RAFTING TIMBER ON THE CANAL

May 11, 1849

TRANSCRIPTION

Canal Office

Chicago May 11th 1849

Capt. W^m H. Swift
Pres^t. Bd of Trustees }

Sir,

Considerable difficulty
occured in the early part of last Season
from the improper management of rafts upon
the Canal, Which induced me to with hold further
permits as provided in Sec. 135 of 'Rules, By Laws
& &c'. It is often a difficult matter to
discriminate between persons who would, and
those who would not manage a raft properly
until they have made a trial, and still more
difficult to prevent improper persons from
obtaining their object indirectly.

I would therefore recommend that Sec.
135 be repealed—allowing any person to raft
timber Subject to the general regulations —
relying upon the penalties as stated in Secs.
N^o. 38. 39 & 40 to insure their proper management,

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Svt

Edw^d. B. Talcott

Chf Engr.

Abstract of Canal Boats in use
on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, as re-
gistered at the Collectors office at Chicago
between the 18th May 1848 and the 8th Dec. 1849.

Description of Boats.

Pap. Packets.	Line.	Lake	Deck'd Scows	Open Scows	River.
5.	52.	6	17.	39	16.

Note. There have been registered in this office one
hundred & eighty boats 180. —
Deduct for change in name, included
in above Registry, say 45. —
Leaving, 135. —
Deduct from this number, boats lost and
unfit for service 35. —
Making the number of boats in use as
registered at this office, about. 100. —

J. H. Knize
Collector.

Dec. 8. 1849.

DOCUMENT 36 – ABSTRACT OF CANAL BOATS REGISTERED AT CHICAGO

December 8, 1849

TRANSCRIPTION

Abstract of Canal Boats in use
on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, as re-
gistered at the Collectors office at Chicago
between the 18th May 1848 and the 8th. Dec^r. 1849.

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5.	52.	6	17.	39	16.

Note. There have been registered in this office one
hundred & eighty boats 180.~
Deduct for change in name, included
in above Registry, say 45.
Leaving, 135.~
Deduct from this number, boats lost and
unfit for service } 35.~
Making the number of boats in use as } 100.~
registered at this office, about.

Jn^o H Kinzie
Collector.
Dec. 8.1849.

Chicago April 8th 1850

William Gorringe Esq
Secretary of Illinois and Michigan Canal

Dear Sir,

Having made arrangements to go to California I this day resign my Office as Canal Inspector hoping and trusting that I have fulfilled it to the satisfaction of the Board and community.

I remain Your Most
Obedient Servant

John Froh

P.S. I would recommend to your favourable notice Mr Samuel H. Macy as every way competent to fill the Office that I vacate.

J. F.

DOCUMENT 37 – LETTER FROM STAR FOOT TO WILLIAM GOODING CONCERNING HIS
RESIGNATION AS CANAL INSPECTOR

April 8, 1850

TRANSCRIPTION

Chicago April 8th 1850

William Gooding Esq

Secatary of Illinois and Michigan Canal

Dear Sir,

Having made arrangements to go
to California I this day resign my office as
Canal Inspector hoping and trusting that I have
fulfil it to the satisfaction of the Board and
community.

I remain your most

obedient Servant

Star Foot

P.S. I would recomend to your favourable
notice, M^r Samul. H. Macy as every way competent
to fill the Office that I vacate.

S.F.—

La-Salle May 16th 1857

To board of trustees of the Illinois & Michigan
 an Canal — Messrs about two years since
 my Son in company with James Blakemore
 one bid of ~~at~~ the sale of Canal lands in La-Salle
 the E. 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4 of S. 1. T. 33. R. 1. and in conse-
 quence of sickness they have failed in mak-
 ing the payments agreeable to the time
 mentioned in the contract, there is two
 payments now due, we would consider
 it a favour if the trustees would receive
 the money on what is now due from my
 Son in order that he might eventually
 hold the land, so that he might make
 him a comfortable home — he has no land
 if that is taken from him — Mr. Blakemore
 the young man who purchased with him
 is in California, I do not know when he
 will return — I would further say since
 sickness has been the cause of a nonful-
 filment of the contract on his part — I trust
 the Honorable board of Trustees will consi-
 der his case favourably — I moved to this
^{place} in June 1836 the country was new — all the la-
 nds are purchase is for our own use not to sell
 again

Yours Respectfully
 Ira Hartson

DOCUMENT 38 – LETTER FROM IRA HARTSON TO THE CANAL TRUSTEES
CONCERNING PAST DUE LAND PAYMENTS

May 16, 1851

TRANSCRIPTION

La_Salle May 16th 1851

To board of trustees of the Illinois & Michigan Canal — Messrs about two years since my Son in company with James Blakemore bid of at the sale of Canal lands in La_Salle the E. ½ of the S.E. ¼ of S.1.T 33. R.1. and in consequence of sickness they have failed in making the payments agreeable to the time mentioned in the contract, there is two payments now due, we would consider it a favour if the trustees would receive the money on what is now due from my Son in order that he might eventually hold the land, so that he might make him a comfortable home — he has no land if that is taken from him — M^r. Blakemore the young man who purchased with him is in California, I do not know when he will return — I would further say since sickness has been the cause of a nonfulfilment of the contract on his part — I trust the Honorable board of Trustees will consider his case favourably — I moved to this place in June 1836 the country was new — all the lands we purchase is for our own use not to sell again.

Yours Respectfully

Ira Hartson

Canal Collectors Office,
Chicago, May 19. 1852

Messrs.

Wm. H. Swift, }
David L. Leavitt } Trustees Ill. & Mich: Canal
Gov. & Wells } 3

Gentry.

The great increase of business on our Canal during the last two years, and the still greater prospective amount the coming season, induce me to apply for an additional allowance for Clerk hire &c. The business of the office at this point is such as to compel me to employ at least two clerks, whose salaries, together with the additional expense of office rent, fuel, lights &c far exceed my present allowance (\$600.) for these purposes.

I have not thus far requested of the Trustees to furnish this office with a safe, having ~~one~~ of my own which I use, nor am I disposed to increase the expenditures of the office, but I think it will be obvious to the Trustees, that under the circumstances, above referred to, my application is a just and fair one, and I cannot but hope that they will take it under their favourable consideration.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very Respectfully,
Yo. obt. Servt.
Jas. H. Kingie.

DOCUMENT 39 – LETTER FROM JOHN H. KINZIE TO THE CANAL TRUSTEES
CONCERNING ADDITIONAL OFFICE HELP

May 19, 1852

TRANSCRIPTION

Canal Collector's Office,

Chicago, May 19th 1852

Mess^{rs}

W^m H. Swift

David L. Leavitt

&

Gov. Wells

Trustees Ill. & Mich: Canal

Gent^m:

The great increase of business on our Canal during the last two years, and the still greater prospective amount the coming season, induce me to apply for an additional allowance for Clerk hire &c: The business of the office at this point is such as to compel me to employ at least two clerks, whose salaries, together with the additional expense of office rent, fuel, lights &c far exceed my present allowance (\$600.) for these purposes.

I have not thus far required of the Trustees to furnish this office with a safe, having one of my own which I use, nor am I disposed to increase the expenditures of the office, but I think it will be obvious to the Trustees, that under the circumstances, above referred to, my application is a just and fair one, and I cannot but hope that they will take it under their favourable consideration.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very Respectfully,

Yo. obt. Sevt.

Jn^o. H. Kinzie.

To the Hon the Board of Trustees
of the Ills and Michigan Canal

The undersigned, Wholesale Grocers
of the City of Chicago would respectfully represent to your Hon
Board, that the Commercial trade between Chicago and
St Louis in the articles of Sugar and Molasses could be very
considerably increased by a concession on the part of transporters
in their rate of freights, and they believe that this can only
be accomplished by a reduction of Tolls on these articles
from Eight to say four or five Mills -

They would further represent that they have observed
for the last three years that nine tenths of the White Sugars
sold in the Chicago Market have been brought from the
Eastern Cities. When at the same time the Southern Markets
have ruled at prices nearly or quite as advantageous to Buyers -

Believing that such a reduction would in its
results not only benefit themselves but greatly increase the
revenue derived from tolls on these articles, Your petitioners
sincerely hope that your Board may deem proper to concur
with their views -

Wm. M. Allen

Winslow, Gould & Maddock

Chas. L. Wicker

C. L. Harmon & Co

J. C. Williams & O. F. Avery

Chas. Proctor
Smith & Pollard

J. J. Foggitt & Co

Wm. J. Denmore

W. D. Gilman

Levi J. Smith

J. M. Mann

Madison Jackson

DOCUMENT 40 – PETITION OF CHICAGO WHOLESALE GROCERS TO REDUCE TOLLS
ON SUGAR AND MOLASSES

May 1852

TRANSCRIPTION

To the Hon the Board of Trustees
of the Ills and Michigan Canal

The undersigned, wholesale Grocers
of the City of Chicago would respectfully represent to your Hon
Board that the commercial trade between Chicago and
St.Louis in the articles of Sugar and Molasses could be very
considerably increased by a concession on the part of transporters
in their rate of freights, and they believe that this can only
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H Norton & Co

Hinsdale, Gould & Hadduck

Cha^S.G.Wicker

C. L. Harmon & Co

J.C. Williams & O.F. Avery

Ely & Brother

Smith & Pollard

J B Doggett & Co

Gray & Densmore

M. D. Gilman

Lewis D Smith

S M Mann

Obadiah Jackson

No. 96.

Lockport Oct. 12 - 1854 -

D. Leavitt Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Sep. 30. (No. 113) enclosing vouchers Nos. 428 @ 431 and also yours of Oct. 7. (No. 114) enclosing voucher 432, and resolution of your Board in relation to the appointment of C. S. Prescott to select additional Canal lands, are both at hand,

I have had an interview with Mr. Prescott and discussed the question of selection, fully. He will act promptly and do all that he can to promote the interests of the Canal but I am afraid that the public lands have been so generally swept up by private speculators for a few months past that he will find it poor picking every where in the State.

The dry weather continues, the water in the Illinois river is at the minimum stage, and the business of the Canal is just now quite limited. I had hoped that our receipts from tolls would reach \$200,000 but they will probably fall short of \$195,000 and may not exceed \$190,000.

The rebuilding the Superstructure of the ^{3rd} Hankook Feeder Aqueduct and several Canal bridges will largely increase our disbursements and I must have the authority to draw for a sufficient amt. to meet them. My monthly allowance is now overdrawn for one month, that is, I have already drawn for the month of November. Keep my up good,

I suppose that it will require no action of the Board to give me the requisite funds but simply your order. You will at all events, know what it will be necessary to do in the premises and instruct me accordingly.

Mr. Saltusall has notified me that he shall leave the Canal Office some time during the coming winter and I shall have to look out for another clerk.

Very truly Yours for Gooding

DOCUMENT 41 – LETTER FROM WILLIAM GOODING TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING
VARIOUS ITEMS OF CANAL BUSINESS

October 12, 1854

TRANSCRIPTION

No. 96~

Lockport Oct. 12–1854~

D. Leavitt Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Sep^r 30–(No. 113) enclosing vouchers No^s. 428 @ 431 and also yours of Oct. 7–(No. 114) enclosing voucher 432, and resolution of your Board in relation to the appointment of E. S. Prescott to select additional Canal lands, are both at hand.

I have had an interview with Mr. Prescott and discussed the question of Selection fully. He will act promptly and do all that he can to promote the interests of the Canal but I am afraid that the public lands have been so generally swept up by private speculators for a few months past that he will find it poor picking every where in the State.

The dry weather continues, the water in the Illinois river is at the minimum stage, and the business of the Canal is just now quite limited. I had hoped that our receipts from tolls would reach \$200,000 but they will probably fall short of \$195,000 and may not exceed \$190,000.

The rebuilding the superstructure of the Kankakee Feeder Aqueduct and Several Canal bridges will largely increase our disbursements and I must have the authority to draw for a sufficient amt. to meet them. My monthly allowance is now overdrawn for the month, that is, I have already drawn for the month of November to keep my a/c good. I suppose that it will require no action of the Board to give me the requisite funds but simply your order. You will at all events, know what it will be necessary to do in the premises and instruct me accordingly.

Mr. Saltonstall has notified me that he shall leave the Canal Office some time during the coming winter and I shall have to look out for another clerk.

Verytruly Yours

W^m Gooding

No of	Articles	Chicago	Lackport	Illiana	LaSalle	Weight in pounds	Total	Tons	
Barrels	152 Ale Beer	Ca 300	30	16	86	39,600	19.80		
	784 Beef	" 320	57		727	250,880	125.44		
	299 Barrels Empty	" 40	331		168	11,960	5.98		
	42 Cider	" 300	14		28	12,600	6.30		
	17,310 Flour	" 210	570	8,866	2,400	5,394	3,738,960	1869.48	
	10 Sugar	" 300	25	13	2,357	1,267,200	633.60		
	4,224 Fish	" 300	1,829	25	13	2,357	1,267,200	633.60	
	6,713 Lime Common	" 180	3,690	2,880	173	1,208,340	604.17		
	3,094 Lime Hydraulic	" 280	289	112	888	1,805	773,520	386.75	
	1,328 Oil	" 300	159	57	1,007	366,900	183.45		
	21,909 Pork	" 320	64	621	578	20,646	7,070,880	3,505.44	
	43,849 Salt	" 300	4,2723	700	835	41	13,154,700	6,577.25	
	6,950 Seeds	" 180	2	5,404	333	1,217	1,252,080	626.04	
	Soap	" 300					14,544		
	995 Spirits	" 300	333	32	15	615	348,250	174.12	
	165 Vinegar	" 300	127		30	-8	57,750	28.87	
	2,489 Whiskey High Wine	" 300	555	498	2	1634	871,150	435.57	
Bushels	57,099 Barley	Ca 44	53,711	2,028	1,302	8	2,512,356	1,256.18	
	18,239 Beans	" 60	15,058	200	292	2,689	1,094,340	547.17	
	Buckwheat	" 44							
	4,501,203 Corn	" 56	1700	638,604	553,284	3,317,615	252,067,368	126,033.69	
	Charcoal	" 32							
	1,543,230 Cato	" 32	1,003	312,889	324,906	904,032	49,283,360	24,641.60	
	Peas	" 60							
	38,102 Potatoes	" 60	34,209	1,291	1,824	3,778	1,866,120	933.06	
	9,472 Rye	" 54	1,380		498	4,594	349,488	174.74	
	Malt	" 44							
	300,977 Wheat	" 60	863	18,304	42,004	2,39,806	18,058,620	9,029.31	
Rounds	Agricultural Implements	856,011	8,595	93,650	27,236	985,492	492,746		
	Animals Domestic	13,500				13,500			
	Butter	4,860	35,166	70,605	200,400	312,036	156,018		
	Baggage	4,278	1,000	3,080	4246	17,904	895.20		
	Beeswax				2,459	2,459	1.23		
	Bacon	522		5,156	2,181,767	2,187,445	1,093,722		
	Brooms Bards	12,500				12,500	6.25		
	Brooms Corn				187,840	187,840	93.92		
	Brass Shorts &c		36,607	16,732		53,339	266.69		
	Bark Tanners	403,255				403,255	201.63		
	Coffee	170			231,014	231,014	115.51		
							180,053.18		

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No. 128

Sackport Feb. 5 - 1856.

D. Leavitt Esq.
Treas: S. M. Canal Co

Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn upon you for \$3000 in favor of S. H. Washburn. I am already overdrawn my account there several hundred dollars and am compelled to check for \$1300 more to day. The balance will be required during the month.

About the last of this month or first of next the payments to Stone & Coomer on account of the New Sable and Little Vermillion Aqueducts will be pretty heavy and I shall have to draw upon you again.

The present prospect is that the navigation of our Canal and the Lakes, (the Canal will not pass much until the Lakes are clear of ice) will open later than usual. We have never had so severe a winter as this present in Illinois since its first settlement or at least for the last 25 years. The ice in the rivers is from 2 ft. to 2 1/2 ft. thick and the ground is frozen in many places full 3 feet deep. Of course it will take a good while to thaw out.

Truly yours
J. M. Gooding

DOCUMENT 43 – LETTER FROM WILLIAM GOODING TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING
CANAL EXPENDITURES AND THE SEVERE WINTER

February 5, 1856

TRANSCRIPTION

No. 128

Lockport Feb. 5_1856~

D. Leavitt Esq.

Treasr. I. & M. Canal

Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn upon you for \$3,000 in favor of I. H. Burch & co._I have already overdrawn my account there several hundred dollars and am compelled to check for \$1,300 more to day. The balance will be required during the month.

About the last of this month or first of next the payments to Stone & Boomer on account of the Aux Sable and Little Vermillion Aqueducts will be pretty heavy and I shall have to draw upon you again.

The present prospect is that the navigation of our Canal and the Lakes, (the Canal will not pay much until the Lakes are clear of ice) will open later than usual. We have never had so severe a winter as the present in Illinois since its first settlement or at least for the last 25 years. The ice in the rivers is from 2 ft. to 2½ ft. thick and the ground is frozen in many places full 3 feet deep. Of course it will take a good while to thaw out.

Truly Yours

W^m Gooding



Chicago, Feb 16 1864

Wm Gooding Esq
Lockport Ill
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We are negotiating
for transportation of a large quantity of
Oats from here to Nashville in Canal
Boats. They are Government property
having been bought direct for Govt
under orders from Genl Allen U.S
Quartr Master Louisville - We
presume if proper evidence is
presented they will pass through
canal toll free. Please inform
us if we are right in the matter
& what vouchers we would require
to insure their passage free of toll

Yours Truly
Norton & Co.

DOCUMENT 44 – LETTER FROM NORTON & CO. TO WILLIAM GOODING CONCERNING
U.S. GOVERNMENT GOODS

February 16, 1864

TRANSCRIPTION

Chicago, Feb 16 1864

W^m Gooding Esq

Lockport Ill

D^r Sir

We are negotiating
for transportation of a large quantity of
oats from here to Nashville in Canal
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& what vouchers we would require
to insure their passage free of toll

Yours Truly

Norton & Co

Morris Ill June 8th 1864

Wm Gooding Esq

Dear Sir,

Yours of June 6 is at hand
& I hasten to reply.

Your information with reference
to Mr. Garnus purchase of W. fr. S. W. 1/4 \$1.33.6
is correct. he is a fine old man, commenced
on the land poor. I advanced part of the first
pmt. which he paid back as he agreed to

I understood his only son
had gone to the war, & it occurs to me was
dead - I may be mistaken.

You are doubtless aware that
Garnus have had a hard time for the last
two years. Mr. Garnus land would fare
bad being cold clay barrens -

I hope it can be arranged
so that he can redeem his land

Write to G. M. Armstrong who
resides near by, & will doubtless have him
a letter

Best to Carthy,
Ills

Truly 'yrs

L. M. Claypool

DOCUMENT 45 – LETTER FROM L.W. CLAYPOOL TO WILLIAM GOODING CONCERNING
A LATE CANAL LAND PAYMENT

June 8, 1864

TRANSCRIPTION

Morris Ill June 8th 1864

W^m Gooding Esq

Dear Sir:

Yours of June 6 is at hand

& I hasten to reply,

Your information with reference
to M^r. Garners purchase of W fr. SW ¼ 31.33.6
is correct. he is a fine old man, commenced
on the land poor, I advanced part of the first
p^{mt}. which he paid back as he agreed to

I understood his only Son
had gone to the war, & it occurs to me was
dead - I may be mistaken.

You are doubtless aware that
Farmers have had a hard time for the last
two years. M^r Garners land would fare
bad being cold clay barrens~

I hope it can be arranged
So that he can redeem his land

Write to G. W. Armstrong who
resides near by, & will doubless hand him
a letter

Truly &c

Direct to Crotty

L. W. Claypool

Ills

Recd May 7

H. NORTON, } Lockport, Ill.
J. L. NORTON, }L. D. NORTON,
Chicago.

NORTON & CO.,

Millers, Produce Commission Merchants and Forwarders.

PROPRIETORS OF

NORTON & CO'S LINE OF CANAL BOATS,

Mills and Warehouse:

Chicago Office,

Lockport, Ill.

No. 141 S. Water St., Hilliard's Block.

Lockport, May 7 1866

To the President and Board of Trustees of the
Illinois and Michigan Canal

Gentlemen

We beg to present to you a claim for damages sustained by us from the 15th November last to the first of April last in consequence of being deprived of our usual supply of water for our mills caused by the deepening of said Canal for the benefit of the City of Chicago -

The Capacity of our Flouring Mills is two hundred barrels per day besides our custom business averaging 120 bushels per day. During the whole time from November to the present time there has been a net profit for flouring of over one dollar per barrel, which we are fully prepared to show by Satisfactory Evidence

We claim - for loss on custom work	\$1000
119 days flouring at \$200 pr day	23.800
	<u>\$ 24.800</u>

We are prepared and shall be pleased to afford the Trustees any explanation and information they may require in the premises and have the honor to be

Your Obt Servts
Norton & Co

DOCUMENT 46 – LETTER FROM NORTON & CO. TO THE CANAL TRUSTEES
CONCERNING DEEPENING THE CANAL

May 7, 1866

TRANSCRIPTION

Lockport, May 7 1866

To the President and Board of Trustees of the
Illinois and Michigan Canal

Gentlemen

We beg to present to you a claim for damages
sustained by us from the 15th November last to
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(COPY)

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
 LA SALLE COUNTY }

CLAIM. M. J. HOGAN.
 OF SENECA IN SAID COUNTY
 VS.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

To damage to steamboat Nashotah.

To three days time	75 00
Barge W.J. Roebuck 3 days time	30 00
" Irene " " "	30 00
" Thos. Scott " " "	30 00
Tow line 200 lbs. manilla rope	
@ 12¢	<u>24 00</u>

Total-damage-----\$ 189 00

M. J. Hogan being duly sworn, says that he is managing owner of the aforesaid steam boat Nashotah and barges. That said boats are under the command of John Donovan. Carrying grain and other freight on Illinois and Michigan canal and Chicago river. That during two recent trips said boats were detained for the space of three days time. That I am informed and verily believe such detention was entirely without fault of the master and crew of said boats. But the said delay was caused wholly on account of lack of water in the said canal below the deep lock at Joliet, Ill. and also on the level known as the Summit level at or near Summit, Ill. Caused wholly by the acts of the Drainage trustees. That the acct. of damage stated above is just and true, and owing to me.

M. J. HOGAN (SEAL)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August A.D. 1900.

G.H.R. THOMAS, (SEAL)

Justice of the Peace.

DOCUMENT 47 – M.J. HOGAN’S DAMAGE CLAIM ARISING FROM LOW WATER

August 24, 1900

TRANSCRIPTION

(COPY)

STATE OF ILLINOIS) CLAIM. M. J. HOGAN.
LA SALLE COUNTY) OF SENECA IN SAID COUNTY
VS.

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M. J. Hogan (SEAL)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August A.D.1900.

C.H.R.THOMAS, (SEAL)

Justice of the Peace.

CHICAGO
OUTER
BELT LIN.

R. E. ORR

ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

OFFICE OF ENGINEER.

JOLIET, ILL., Mch. 7th. 1901.

Board of Illinois & Michigan Canal Commissioners,
Lockport, Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

and

Gentlemen:-

Believing that the state should derive as much revenue as possible from the property of the people if it can be done at no serious inconvenience, therefore I take the liberty of addressing your Honorable Commission to respectfully inquire if surplus land outside of what is needed for tow-path or power can be sold or leased for railroad purposes, and if so, for about how much?

This information requested is to be used only for estimating on railroad line from Chicago to Peru, and further if thought necessary, and wanted.

Thanking you in advance for your esteemed favor and courtesy, I have the honor to remain,

Sincerely yours,

R. E. Orr

Engineer.

DOCUMENT 48 – LETTER FROM R.E. ORR TO THE CANAL COMMISSIONERS
CONCERNING LEASING LAND FOR RAILROAD PURPOSES

March 7, 1901

TRANSCRIPTION

JOLIET, ILL., Mch. 7th, 1901.

Board of Illinois & Michigan Canal Commissioners,
Lockport, Ill.

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and

Gentlemen:-

Believing that the state should derive as much revenue as possible from the property of the people if it can be done at no serious inconvenience, therefore I take the liberty of addressing your Honorable Commission to respectfully inquire if surplus land outside of what is needed for tow-path or power can be sold or leased for railroad purposes, and if so, for about how much?

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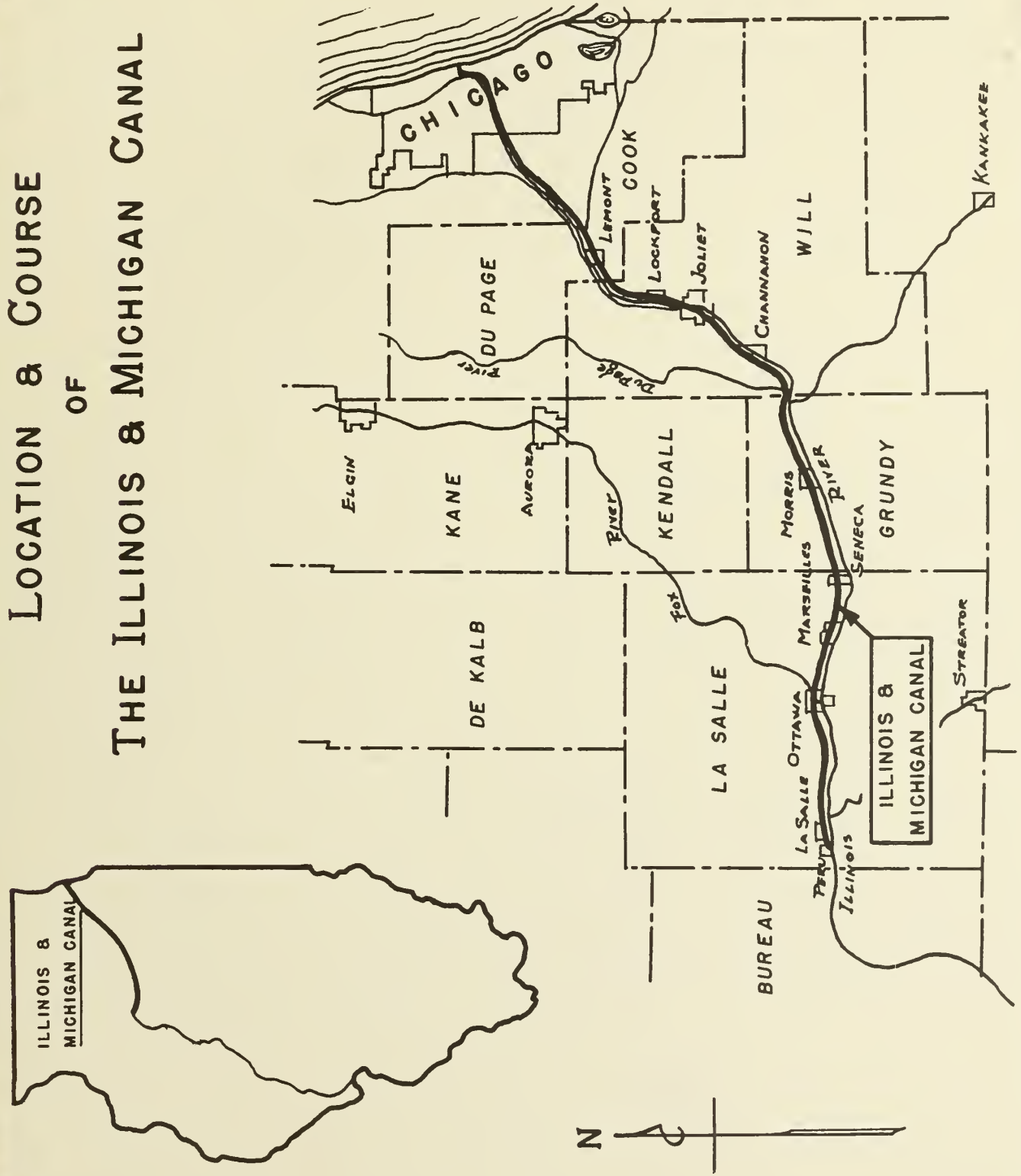
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R. E. Orr

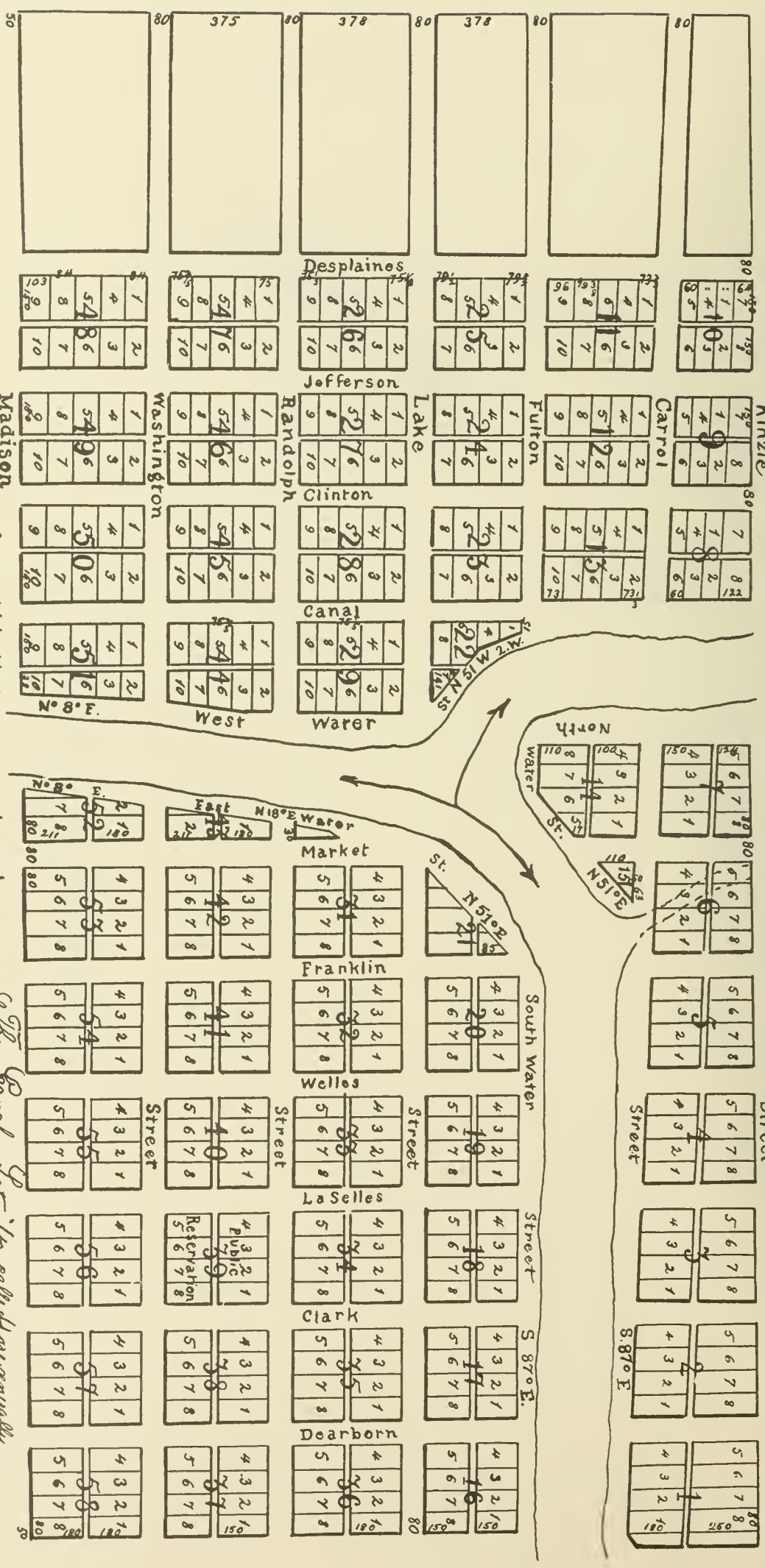
Engineer.

LOCATION & COURSE OF THE ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL



Only from the first map of Chicago - Date 1834 -
 North 1/2 - Section 9 - Township 39 - Range 14 - E. 3rd 1/4. By Joshua Hathaway, Jr.

Compiled from the Four Original Surveys as filed in the
COOK COUNTY
 Clerks Office.
 JOSHUA HATHAWAY, JR.



THIS CERTIFIES that I have the original from which this Map was made, and from records in the abstract office of Handy & Co., believe it to be the first ever published. It has on it Wabansias Addition, bearing date June 10, 1834, on the records. The next year Sept. 18, this subdivision was changed, which change does not appear on this map.
 Chicago, Feb. 16, 1832.

The Canal lots are called generally 80 feet front and rear and 150 deep - those of the first section are generally 50 feet front and 100 feet deep and the water front the depth being extended by the course of the River.

FORM 125-85 M-7-24-08

THE GREAT WESTERN CEREAL COMPANY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
MERCHANDISE CONSIGNED TO MILLS BY BUYERS**DIRECTORS**

OHIO C. BARBER, Chairman.
FRANK P. SAWYER, President.
JOY MORTON, Vice Pres.
HENRY L. LITTLE, Vice Pres.
LUCIUS C. MILES, Treasurer.
DAVID OLIVER, JR., Secretary.
H.R. HEATH, Fort Dodge, Ia.
GILES W. BROWN, Sioux City, Ia.
W.A. DUGANE, Cedar Falls, Ia.
S.G. STEIN, Muscatine, Ia.
J.W. HEYWOOD, Minneapolis, Minn.
DAVID OLIVER, SR.
F.M. MATTERHOLT, Akron, Ohio.
A.P. STAFFORD, Nebraska City, Neb.

MILLS AT
MUSCATINE, IA.
JOLIET, ILL.
AKRON, O.
FORT DODGE, IA.
PEORIA, ILL.
SIOUX CITY, IA.
NEBRASKA CITY, NEB.
CEDAR FALLS, IA.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE COMPANY.

THE Great Western Cereal COMPANY

\$3,000,000.

GENERAL OFFICES: ... RN BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILL. U.S.A.

CABLE ADDRESS
GREATO CHICAGO

CODES USED
PRIVATE-US-ROBINSON
A.B.C.-RIVERSIDE
LIEBER'S
ARMSBY'S

MANUFACTURERS OF
ROLLED OATS
OAT MEAL
FLOUR
CORN MEAL
WHEAT FOODS
OAT FEEDS
CORN FEEDS
MIDDLINGS
BRAN, ETC.

SOME OF OUR BRANDS.
MOTHERS YANKEE
FRIENDS BATTLE AX
ROYAL SEAL TIP TOP
QUAIL WAHKONZA
BONNIE PEKAY
HURON UNION
HAWKEYE
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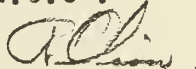
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**DOCUMENT 49 – LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM R. OLIVER OF THE GREAT WESTERN
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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

February 20, 1911.

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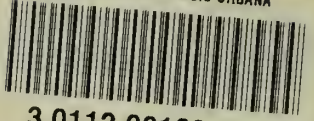
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